orld Bank assistance for Operation Flood Phase-II

1659. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank propose to give a loan of $ 360 million for the third phase of 'Operation Flood Programme' to boost dairy development activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic objectives of the Operation Flood III are to consolidate the gains already achieved, expansion in the number of village cooperative societies, expansion of milk procurement, processing & marketing facilities, productivity enhancement meaures, etc.

Establishment of All India Radio Station at Keonjhargarh

1660. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1363 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the construction of office building for the All India Radio Station in Keonjhargarh has been completed;

(b) whether the radio station has not started functioning so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this local radio station is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The construction of the building for All India Radio station at Keonjhargarh has been completed and the installation of studios and Transmitter equipment is in final stages of completion and testing.

(d) The station is likely to be commissioned in June, 1988.

Manufacturing cost of fertilizers

1661. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the imported fertilizers are cheaper than those produced in the country;

(b) if so, the comparative manufacturing cost of each fertilizer per tonne; and

(c) the causes for high cost and steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The comparative cost of indigenous and imported fertilizers as prevalent in the second half of February, 1988 is as under:—

(Average cost per tonne Rs.)

	Indigenous	*Imported*
	Average cost per tonne (Rs.) Indigenious	Imported
1. Urea	3380 (Ex-factoty price)	2500 (C&F+handing-charges
2. DAP	4147 (Ex-factory price)	3785 (C&F+handing charges)

(c) Price of imported fertilizer is determined by many factors e.g, international demand and supply situation, price of feedstock and vintage of the plants in the countries from where import is made. This is why landed price of imported fertilizer does not reflect the actual cost of production internationally. On the other hand, cost of fertilizer produc-

ed indigenously is high maily because of high cost of plants and high cost of inputs etc. The high cost of plants is due to relatively higher cost of infrastructural development and other fiscal reasons. The other reason for high cost of indigenous fertilizer is relatively lower capacity utilisation and higher consumption levels of some plants. With a view to improving capacity utilisation and achieving higher efficiency, Captive Power Plants have been/are being installed in public sector units. Similarly, debottlenecking, revamping modernisation/rehabilitation schemes are also being pursued.

Fertilizer plants to be set up during the Seventh Plan

1662. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the progress made so far in the setting up of various fertilizer plants during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Progress made so far in setting up of fertiliser Plants during the 7th Five Year Plan

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Progress made so far
	Gas-Based Plants along HBJ Pipeline	
1	Vijaipur (National Fertilizers Ltd.)	Is under trial production.
2	Aonla (Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative)	Is to start trial production shortly.
3	Jagdishpur (Indo-Gulf Fertilizers & Chemicals Corporation)	Mechanical completion expected as per schedule in May, 1988
4	Sawaimadhopur (Aravali Fertilizers Ltd.)	Technical Collaboration agreement approved and is expected to be taken on record shortly. Zero date expected to commence as soon as environmental clearance is obtained by the promoters. Behind schedule. Expected to be completed by mid 1991.
5	Babrala (Tata Fertilizers Ltd.)	Promoters have taken preliminary steps etc. Data for environmental clearance submitted. LOI valid upto 27-3-1988. Behind schedule. Expected to be completed by mid 1991.
6	Shahjahanpur (Apee jay Fertilizers Ltd.)	LOI lapsed. Alternatives being explored.
	Other Projects	
7	Paradeep Phosphates	Phase-I completed on schedule and commercial production started in August, 1986. Phase-II is delayed and likely to be completed in April, 1989.
8.	Ammonium Sulphate Caprolactum Project (Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Ltd.)	The achievement has been 90% of the target so far. The project is expected to be commissioned by January, 1989.
9.	Namrup- III (Hindustan Fertilizers Corpn.)	Commissioned on 1-10-1987.